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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2401**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Block**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 66202 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2401, as amended, Block. Public postsecondary education: admissions policy.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, provides for a public postsecondary education system in this state. This system consists of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. Among other things, the Donahoe Higher Education Act sets forth legislative intent with respect to enrollment planning and admission priority practice at the undergraduate resident student level for the California State University and the University of California.

This bill would state this legislative intent *for the California State University* with respect to enrollment planning and admission, rather than admission priority practice. The bill would require the California State University, within existing enrollment categories, to provide applicants residing in the local service area, as defined, admission to the applicant's local California State University campus over other California residents or out-of-state applicants entering as first-time

freshmen or sophomores, provided they meet relevant admissions criteria.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66202 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:  
3 66202. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the following  
4 categories be followed, insofar as practicable in the following  
5 numerical order, for the ~~purpose~~ *purposes* of enrollment planning  
6 and admission at the undergraduate resident student level for the  
7 California State University and *enrollment planning and admission*  
8 *priority practice at the undergraduate resident student level for*  
9 *the University of California:*  
10 (1) Continuing undergraduate students in good standing.  
11 (2) California community college transfer students who have  
12 successfully concluded a course of study in an approved transfer  
13 agreement program.  
14 (3) (A) Other California community college students who have  
15 met all of the requirements for transfer.  
16 (B) As stated in legislative findings, the transfer function plays  
17 a key role in meeting the state's goals of educational equity.  
18 Therefore, the Board of Regents of the University of California  
19 and the Board of Trustees of the California State University shall  
20 declare as policy for this subparagraph and paragraph (2) that  
21 students who are eligible to transfer and who are from historically  
22 underrepresented groups or economically disadvantaged families  
23 shall be given preference, to the fullest extent possible under state  
24 and federal law, statutes, and regulations, in transfer admissions  
25 decisions, and shall design policies in conformity with state and  
26 federal statutes and regulations intended to facilitate their success  
27 in achieving transfer.  
28 (4) Other qualified transfer students.  
29 (5) California residents entering at the freshman or sophomore  
30 levels.  
31 (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that within each of  
32 the preceding enrollment categories, the following groups of  
33 applicants be granted admission *at the California State University,*

1 *and receive priority consideration in admissions practice at the*  
2 *University of California, in the following order:*

3 (1) Residents of California who are recently released veterans  
4 of the Armed Forces of the United States.

5 (2) Transfers from California public community colleges.

6 (3) Applicants who have been previously enrolled at the campus  
7 to which they are applying, provided they left this institution in  
8 good standing.

9 (4) Applicants who have a degree or credential objective that  
10 is not generally offered at other public institutions of higher  
11 learning within California.

12 (5) Applicants for whom the distance involved in attending  
13 another institution would create financial or other hardships.

14 (c) It is further the intent of the Legislature that those veterans  
15 referred to in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) who were enrolled  
16 in good standing at a campus of the University of California or at  
17 one of the California State Universities prior to military service  
18 receive priority over other veterans recently released from military  
19 service.

20 (d) (1) Within each of the enrollment categories in subdivisions  
21 (a) to (c), inclusive, the California State University shall provide  
22 applicants who reside in the local service area of a campus with  
23 admission to the applicant's local California State University  
24 campus over other California residents or out-of-state applicants  
25 entering as first-time freshmen or sophomores, provided they meet  
26 relevant admissions criteria. An applicant who is provided  
27 admission pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to any  
28 additional admissions criteria resulting from impactation of a major.

29 (2) As used in this subdivision, "local service area" means the  
30 CSU service area for the campus as set forth in the California State  
31 University Coded Memorandum AA-2005-05, dated February 23,  
32 2005, *or as subsequently amended.*